

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 25 APRIL 1955

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] discussed the development of research projects related to National Intelligence Objectives. The Far East Branch, D/GG, has prepared outlines for eight projects related to the current NIE on Chinese capabilities. These eight project outlines were discussed last Friday with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Economic Area. The Economic Area is keenly interested in getting geographic analysis support for their economic studies. Of the eight projects proposed by the Far East Branch in relation to the NIE on Communist Chinese capabilities, the Economic Area would like to have four of the eight projects completed as soon as possible. However, it is not possible to do more than one of these projects, so the one on regional analysis of economic activity will be initiated. The next step is a detailed outline for this project, and then the Far East Branch will meet with [REDACTED] and others of D/A for discussion of the outline. [REDACTED] reminded of previous discussions with regard to having each Branch in D/GG work on the problem of critical research problems related to National Intelligence Objectives.

2. With regard to integrated regional studies to be done cooperatively with the Economic Area, [REDACTED] mentioned that the New Lands (USSR) project is being worked on by the Economic Area and that the USSR Branch, Geography Division, has started on the Soviet Arctic project.

3. [REDACTED] reported that the AD/RR has considered the new 10-Study Urban Area Program and has requested a staff study on Geographic Area T/O expansion needed to fulfill the DD/P request.

4. The staff studies on Area Familiarization trips [REDACTED] were discussed with Mr. Wilhelm last week. [REDACTED] will work on the necessary changes to these staff studies this week.

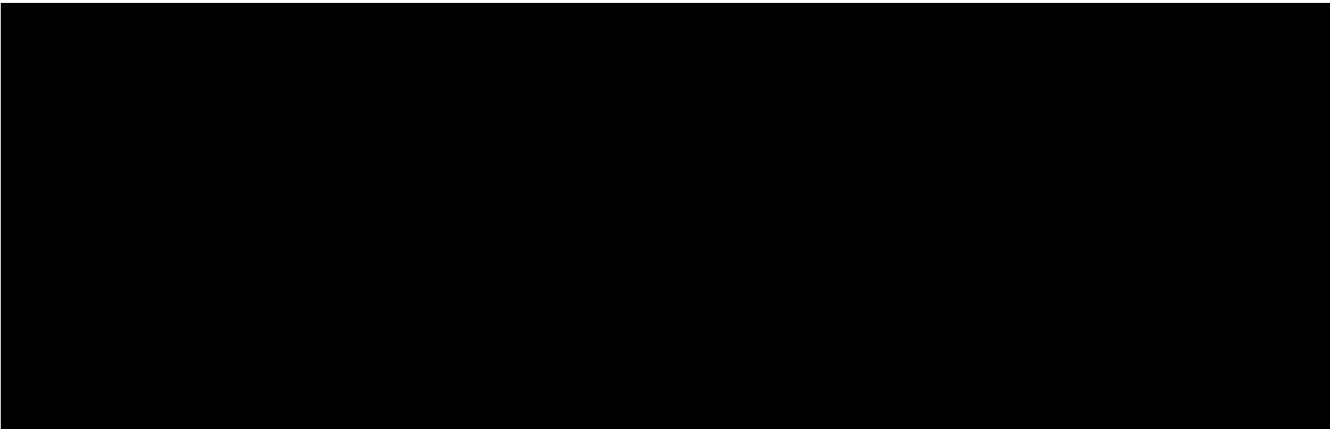
5. [REDACTED] handed out copies of memorandums from the DCI and DD/I on Area Familiarization and Survey Programs for foreign travel. These indicate that the DCI and DD/I now approve of such travel. An estimate of the travel to be done under this program from now to 30 June 1955 must be submitted before 1 May 1955. Then an estimate for the period 1 July to 31 December 1955 must be submitted before 1 June 1955. [REDACTED] wants each Division Chief to determine the logically needed program for Survey of Area Familiarization Trips as a part of the Career Development Program.

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25X1A9a 6. The report on personnel procurement at Memphis has been developed by [REDACTED] and it will be submitted along with each of the individual reports to the DD/I.

25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] asked about a new map showing the Bureau jurisdictions in the State Department. [REDACTED] commented that it will be printed fairly soon, as the data are available and the project is now underway.

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25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] reported that last week's E & E conference at the Pentagon went off as expected. The Headquarters policies were in general approved, although there was some resentment from Field Commands. A new outline for evasion geographies was approved, consisting of twenty parts. The production of evasion geographies will be handled by D/GG. All evasion geographies will be published as GR's. The program will consist of eight studies per year by D/GG and four studies per year to be coordinated by D/GG and published as GR's, but based on contributions by ADTIC and FFAF. The work of FFAF will probably deal mostly with China, while that of ADTIC will probably be on the Near East and Africa. [REDACTED] suggested that the revised program for evasion geographies be written up for approval.

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10. D/M has requested a report of D/GG, on environmental conditions of various oil reserve areas in the USSR. D/M will use the report as a basis for analyses of operating conditions in the USSR oil areas, by comparing the USSR areas with analogous areas in other parts of the world.

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11. [REDACTED] commented that the USSR Branch has worked out a new numbering system for USSR railroads. The old system was prepared some time ago by AMS.

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[REDACTED] reported several recent confirmations of photo interpretations made by D/GP and also commented that John Foster Dulles in presenting his new estimate on the China situation indicated that it was based on improved reconnaissance photography and improved photo interpretation.

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13. Captain <sup>Rmg NoR</sup> [REDACTED] Thoren will give four weeks of photo intelligence lectures soon at the Navy PIC, according to [REDACTED]. He will be available for other types of assistance, and [REDACTED] OCD, probably will coordinate any Agency requirements and arrange for conversations.

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14. [REDACTED] reported that five of the Navy PIC personnel are being cleared for work with D/GP, just as D/GP personnel now work at PIC with their materials.

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15. [REDACTED] reported a recent conversation with [REDACTED] RDB, and suggested that it would be desirable to have someone brief Geographic Area personnel on the present objectives and organization of RDB. [REDACTED] has collected some documents on this subject and will bring them to the next staff meeting.

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16. [REDACTED] mentioned that D/GC is working at improvement of S/Tr graphics that show the ORR position on China transportation facilities.

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17. [REDACTED] reported that a recent CRASH project for OCI caused considerable overtime to be expended and that this resulted in loss of annual leave for those who worked all night and had to go home the next day to sleep.

18. The limits of responsibility between OCI Graphics and D/GC are not clear, according to [REDACTED]. The Graphics Unit is doing Cartographic work and D/GC is spending considerable time on preparation of charts.

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19. [REDACTED] reported on a recent meeting of the DD/I Training Liaison Officers. [REDACTED] discussed the Office of Training attitude toward authorization of on-duty time for study as well as for class and laboratory work. The Office of Training considers that authorization of on-duty time for study might in some cases be allowed if the course applies directly to the job and if the supervisor considers it quite urgent that the student progress rapidly in the course. [REDACTED] described the psychological services in OTR that have recently become available for use of DD/I. Until last year they were used primarily by DD/P. A major testing device is the Professional Employee Test Battery which is

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25X1A9a given to all BOC students and is also used for testing individuals being considered for transfer from non-professional to professional duties. [REDACTED] also described the BOC Waiver Test, which is not to be used for new employees to get them out of BOC, but is used only for older employees who need to take a course for which BOC is a prerequisite and who probably don't really need to take the BOC. [REDACTED] of ORR described the preparation of the recently published Collection Manual. It was noted that the Map Library is not mentioned in this Manual and that no ORR personnel were contacted during the preparation of this manual. [REDACTED] suggested that D/GL and D/GP might find it desirable to discuss with [REDACTED] the government activities in connection with procurement of maps and photographs. The Collection Manual probably will be distributed to other services as soon as the material in it is reviewed and cleared for release.

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25X1A9a 20. [REDACTED] reported a recent conversation with General Trudeau, G-2, 25X1A9a who is going to the Near East soon and may become involved in discussion of map and photography exchanges. [REDACTED] described the functions of [REDACTED] to General Trudeau, who was much interested and said he would contact Mr. Biggs as soon as he got to the Near East.

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22. [REDACTED] commented that he would like for [REDACTED] to prepare a draft regulation on functions of their Division, similar to the CIA regulation on D/GP functions.

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\* 23. [REDACTED] commented that as the planning for possible Global War Emergency develops into its second phase, when the need develops for establishment of units in support of the Fourth Force, some survey trips may have to be made preliminary to actual establishment of the overseas units.

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